



## ***BOOK IT***

**A celebration of Artists' Books**

**Friday August 1, 2008**

**From 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**at the Harrison Center for the Arts**

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Drawing from a wide range of media, Artists' Books are works of art that are sometimes realized in the form of a book, but not always. These works are usually published in small editions, though they can also be one-of-a-kind. Artists' Books take a wide range of forms, including scrolls, fold-outs or loose items contained in a box. Creative writing is often part of the Artists' Book concept, including poetry and essays and playful text.

Because the book arts are a part of the curriculum at the Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI, the Herron Art Library (part of the IUPUI University Library) has developed a collection of nearly 200 Artists' Books. The *BOOK IT* event on Friday, August 1, 2008, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., is an opportunity to promote artists' books as a field in the fine arts and to share this special focus of the Herron Art Library's collection with the Indianapolis community. *BOOK IT* will include an exhibit of new Artists' Books by artists from Indiana and as far away as California, plus a presentation by nationally recognized book arts authorities Bill and Vicki Stewart of Vamp & Tramp Booksellers LLC. Tony White, the head of the Fine Arts Library at Indiana University in Bloomington, will also give a talk about Artists Books in popular culture. The exhibit will remain on view at the Harrison Center throughout the month of August.

Whether you're a bibliophile or an art lover, *BOOK IT* will inspire you to think differently about books and the important role they play in our life and culture.

\* Works pictured by Jean Buescher, Bonnie Stahlecker, and Julie Chen.

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